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In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits the documents listed hereinbelow, copies enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 6,065,063 entitled DEADLOCK AVOIDANCE METHOD IN A COMPOUTER NETWORK, By Abali, patented May 16, 2000. This patent is attached hereto.
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,914,953 entitled NETWORK MESSAGE ROUTING USING ROUTING TABLE INFORMATION..., By Krause et al., patented June 22, 1999. This patent is attached hereto.
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,812,549 entitled ROUTE RESTRICTIONS FOR DEADLOCK FREE ROUTING WITH..., By Sethu, patented September 22, 1998. This patent is attached hereto.

(4) European Patent No. 0 294 890 entitled DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM, By Twist et al., published December 14, 1988.

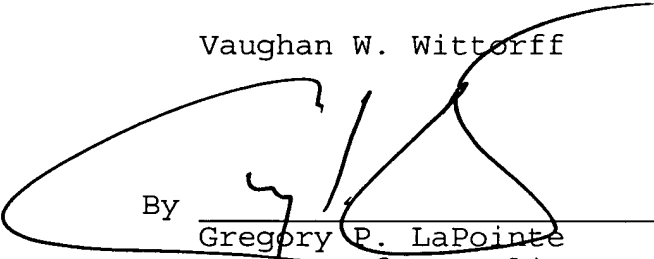
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The undersigned submits the above-identified references for independent consideration by the Examiner and does not make any admission that these references are or are not material to the present invention or that these references are or are not prior art with respect to the present invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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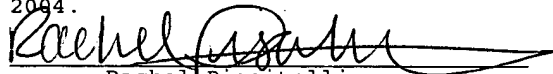
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